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**Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board**

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Ms Leanne Linard MP
Chairperson
Education, Employment and Small Business Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Linard

I refer to the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018* currently under consideration by the *Education, Employment and Small Business Committee*.

The Non-State Schools Accreditation Board supports the changes set out in the Bill and aimed at strengthening child protection in Queensland under the provisions of the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000*.

The Board however wishes to raise a technical matter in respect of the Bill and the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000*.

There appears to be a drafting slippage in the proposed new section 557 (part 19, chapter 11) of the Bill which erroneously refers to the 'governing body' of a non-state school as a 'governing board'.

New section 557 is presently drafted to state "... the director of a school's governing board — the accreditation board ...", rather than the correct term of 'governing body' of a school as defined in the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2017*.

Also, this slip is in the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000* at existing section 516(3)(c) and section 517(3)(b)(iii).

The Board appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Bill.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Foley', written in a cursive style.

Lynne Foley OAM
Chairperson